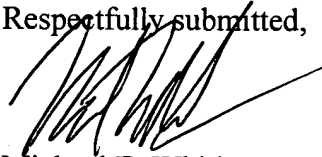


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are now pending in the application. Claims 5, 7, and 8, are being amended to eliminate multiply dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Whitham', written over the typed name.

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